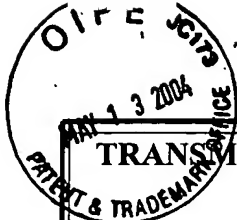


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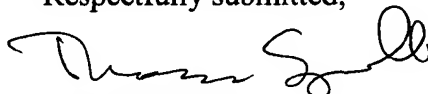

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The reference was cited in an Office Action dated January 22, 2004 received from the German Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited reference, together with a copy of the Office Action and an English translation thereof. The relevance of the above-identified reference has been described in the Office Action.

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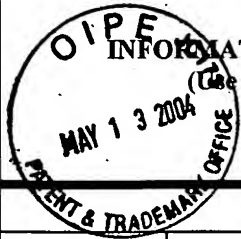
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